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SUBJECT: (C) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON EVOLVING TURKISH AND IRAQI KURDISH POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS (C-RE9-00967)

Classified By: MICHAEL P. OWENS, ACTING DIR, INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

1. (C) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS ARE CURRENTLY FOLLOWING THE EVOLUTION OF THE ANKARA-ARBIL RELATIONSHIP WHICH COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON U.S. INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP ANALYSTS DETERMINE HOW THIS CHANGE IN RELATIONS WILL IMPACT U.S. INTERESTS IN IRAQ AND THE REGION. ANALYSTS APPRECIATE ANY

(U) IRAQI KURDISH LEADERS

KRG PRESIDENT AND KDP LEADER, MASUD BARZANI KRG PRIME MINISTER AND KDP POLITBURO MEMBERS, NECHIRVAN BARZANI IRAQI DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, BARHAM

(U) TURKISH LEADERS

PRIME MINISTER, RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN PRESIDENT, ABDULLAH GUL AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE FOR IRAQ, MURAT OZCELIK DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, AHMET DAVUTOGLU LAND FORCES COMMANDER WILL BE NEXT CHIEF OF DEFENSE IN 2010, GEN. S. ISIK KOSANER

(U) KGK LEADERS

SENIOR KGK LEADER, MURAT KARAYILAN, SENIOR KGK LEADER, CEMIL BAYIK

1A. (C) WHICH TURKISH LEADERS PUSHED ANKARA TO ESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE KRG? WHAT WERE THEIR REASONS FOR DOING SO? WHICH OTHER LEADERS

1B. (C) WHY IS MASUD BARZANI NOW WILLING TO TALK TO ANKARA DIRECTLY? HAS HE BECOME MORE WILLING TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE KGK IN NORTHERN IRAQ?

1C. (C) WHY DID BARZANI REFUSE TO COME TO BAGHDAD TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT GUL IN MARCH? WHAT WAS GUL'S REACTION TO NOT MEETING WITH BARZANI?

1D. (C) HOW BIG OF A ROLE HAS NECHIRVAN BARZANI PLAYED IN BUILDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARBIL AND ANKARA? DOES HE APPEAR TO FAVOR SOME TURKISH

1E. (C) HOW BIG OF A ROLE IS BAHRAM SALIH PLAYING IN BUILDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARBIL AND ANKARA? IN WHAT WAYS IS SALIH UTILIZING HIS ECONOMIC EXPERTISE TO EXPAND TURKISH-KRG COOPERATION?

1F. (C) HOW DO THE LEADERS LISTED ABOVE VIEW EACH OTHER? HOW CLOSE ARE TIES BETWEEN THEM? WHAT ARE THE AREAS OF STRONG DISAGREEMENT?

1G. (C) HOW OFTEN DO LEADERS INTERACT UNOFFICIALLY? WHAT ISSUES, IF ANY, DO THEY PREFER TO DISCUSS DURING UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS?

1H. (C) WHO ARE THE REGULAR INTERLOCUTORS IN ON-GOING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ANKARA AND THE KRG? IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE CHARACTERIZE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE INDIVIDUALS.

1I. (C) WHAT SIGNS ARE THERE THAT TALKS ARE CREATING REAL PROGRESS? WHAT SIGNS ARE THERE THAT TALKS ARE ONLY OPENING DIALOGUE?

1J. (C) HOW COULD THE UPCOMING KRG ELECTION AFFECT THE ANKARA-ARBIL RELATIONSHIP?

2. (U) PLEASE CITE C-RE9-00967 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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